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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG OVERLIGHTS OF THE FRG

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1. WE HAVE INFORMED THE FOREIGN OFFICE (HENZE) THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THE INTERFLUG REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS WITH VAN WELL NEXT WEEK. THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL PREPARE A BRIEFING PAPER FOR VAN WELL.
2. HENZE SAID IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE FRG HAD RECEIVED AN INFORMAL INDICATION THAT THE GDR WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO GRANT OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO PERMIT A LUFTHANSA LANDING AT TEGEL AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR INTERFLUG SERVICE TO ZURICH. HENZE CONFIRMED, IN
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RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THAT THIS MEANT THAT THE FRG HAD NOW TRIED OUT ITS COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON THE GDR. THIS WAS DONE IN "PRIVATE CONVERSATION" WHICH HE DID NOT FURTHER DESCRIBE.

3. AS BACKGROUND FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S DISCUSSIONS, THE BRITISH ARE STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

ON THE FRG PROPOSAL. THE FRENCH TELL US THAT THEY NOW HAVE PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH ARE TO SUPPORT THE US/UK POSITION. IF THE US AND UK OBJECT TO THE FRG PROPOSAL, THE FRENCH WILL SUPPORT US. ON THE OTHER HAND, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA, AS THE ONE WITH THE LEAST IMMEDIATE INTEREST AT STAKE THEY WILL NOT BE THE ONLY ONE TO OPPOSE THE FRG PLAN. THE FRENCH ARE THUS PREPARED TO CONFIRM THEIR EARLIER AGREEMENT TO GRANT LUFTHANSA LANDING RIGHTS AT TEGEL AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THAT AGREEMENT WAS GIVEN IN 1973. AS FOR THE OTHER PART OF THE FRG PROPOSAL, THE FRENCH DO NOT THINK GETTING GDR PERMISSION FOR RESCUE FLIGHTS TO GO TO WEST BERLIN IS THE BEST WAY TO INITIATE FLIGHTS BY THIRD COUNTRIES TO TEGEL.

4. THE FRENCH WILL NOT OF COURSE INFORM THE GERMANS OF THEIR INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL THE US AND UK REPS HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND AN ALLIED POSITION CAN BE COORDINATED.
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